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SUBJ: SOVIET-AFGHAN JOINT STATEMENT

1. SUMMARY. JOINT SOVIET-AFGHA STATEMENT ON RESULTS OF PRESIDENT DAUD'S FOUR-DAY MOSCOW VISIT (PRAVDA JUNE 9) INDICATES AFGHANS OBTAINED FURTHER PLEDGES OF SOVIET ECONOMIC AID AND BOUND SELVES TO MORE SYSTEMATIZED ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL TIES WITH SOVIETS. STATEMENT DOES NOT MENTION MILITARY COOPERATION. ON INTERNATIONAL ITEMS OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST TO KABUL AND MOSCOW, AFGHANS GAVE QUALIFIED ENDORSEMENT TO ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY IN RETURN FOR IMPLICIT LINK BETWEEN COLLECTIVE SECURITY AND SOLUTION OF AFGHAN-PAKISTAN PROBLEMS CONCERNING "PUSHTUNISTAN" SOVIETS CONFINED DIRECT REFERENCE TO AFGHAN-PAKISTAN DIFFERENCES TO AN APPEAL FOR PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS. AFGHANS APPARENTLY SIGNED ON TO NUMBER OF OTHER SOVIET

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POSITIONS ON INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS, INCLUDING ME,

WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. END SUMMARY.

2. BILATERAL AFFAIRS: A. ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF RELATIONSHIP, PARTIES AFFIRMED MUTUAL DESIRE TO DEVELOP FURTHER MUTUALLY PROFITABLE ECONOMIC COOPERATION ON BASIS OF EXISTING SOVIET-AFGAN AGREEMENTS. SOVIETS, PROCEEDING FROM WISHES OF AFGHAN SIDE, EXPRESSED READINESS TO ASSIST IN CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF A NUMBER OF PROJECTS (UNSPECIFIED). IT WAS AGREED TO STRUCTURE SOVIET-AFGHAN ECONOMIC TIES ON LONG-RANGE BASIS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT EACH COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC PLANS, AND PARTIES ARE TO PREPARE AN AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTING THIS DECISION. ON TRADE, PARTIES AFFIRMED THAT SOVIET-AFGHAN TRADE AND PAYMENT AGREEMENT OF MARCH 1974 CONSTITUTES A SOUND BASIS FOR DEVELOPING TRADE TIES, AND THEY REACHED ACCORD REGARDING MUTUAL DELIVERY OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES (A POSSIBLE REFERENCE TO NATURAL GAS) NECESSARY FOR THE ECONOMIES OF BOTH COUNTRIES. PARTIES ALSO AGREED TO ESTABLISH A JOINT SOVIET-AFGHAN COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, NOW ALMOST A FOREGONE CONCLUSION IN ANY SOVIET BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS.

B. ON BILATERAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS, MAIN RESULT OF TALKS APPEARS TO BE JOINT PLEDGE TO CONDUCT "REGULAR MEETINGS FOR EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF THE TWO STATES ON ALL LEVELS INCLUDING SUMMIT LEVEL." THIS WE SUSPECT REPRESENTS AFGHAN ACCEPTANCE OF SOVIET INTEREST IN SUCH COMMITMENTS WHICH HAVE BECOME STANDARD PARTS OF MANY RECENT JOINT COMMUNIQUE. ON OTHER MATTERS, SOVIETS GIVE DAUD HANDSOME PAT ON BACK BY AFFIRMING SOVIET PLEASURE AT AND SYMPATHY FOR CURRENT AFGHAN DOMESTIC POLICIES AND FOR FOREIGN POLICY OF NEUTRALITY.

C. ON OTHER BILATERAL MATTERS, STATEMENT EXPRESSES MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT IN SOVIET-AFGHAN TIES IN FIELDS OF CULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH, RADIO, SPORTS AND TOURISM AND CALLS FOR MORE OF SAME. STATEMENT DOES NOT MENTION MILITARY COOPERATION.

3. INTERNATIONAL MATTERS: A. STATEMENT'S TREATMENT OF ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY LOOKS LIKE CAREFUL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMPROMISE. PARTIES MUTUALLY AFFIRMED INTEREST IN ASIAN PEACE AND COOPERATION AND SAID SOVIET UNION AND AFGHANISTAN CONSIDER THAT "CREATION OF A SYSTEM OF SECURITY BY MEANS OF THE COLLECTIVE EFFORTS OF ALL THE STATES OF ASIA WOULD MEET THE INTERESTS OF ASIAN PEOPLES AND WOULD ASSIST IN SOLVING DISPUTED MATTERS BY PEACEFUL MEANS AND IN LIQUIDATING THE REMNANTS OF COLONIALISM." SOVIETS THUS GET POSITIVE REFERENCE

TO THEIR COLLECTIVE SECURITY CONCEPT ON BASIS OF AN  
"ALL-STATES" FORMULA WHILE AFGHANS OBTAIN INDIRECT  
LINK BETWEEN IDEA OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY AND SOLUTION  
OF PROBLEMS WITH PAKISTAN.

B. STATEMENT'S TREATMENT OF AFGHANISTAN-PAKISTAN  
"DIFFERENCES" IS MODERATE, AND SOVIETS AVOID ANY  
SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO TRIBAL PROBLEMS. THE MATTER  
IS SUBSUMED UNDER GENERAL STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR  
NEGOTIATION AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES ON THE  
SUB-CONTINENT WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE. BOTH SIDES  
EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT APRIL 1974 TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT  
(INDIA, BANGLADESH AND PAKISTAN) IS GOOD BASIS FOR  
STRENGTHENING SUB-CONTINENT'S PEACE AND STABILITY, AND  
THEY "EXPRESSED HOPE THAT POLITICAL DIFFERENCES  
BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN WILL BE SETTLED BY  
PEACEFUL MEANS THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS."

C. ON MIDDLE EAST, STATEMENT NOT UNEXPECTEDLY IS  
FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF ARAB CAUSE. PARTIES CONDEMN  
ISRAEL'S AGGRESSION AND STATE THAT ONLY BASIS FOR ME  
PEACE IS TOTAL AND UNCONDITIONAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL  
FROM ALL ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967 AND LATER  
AND SECURING LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS.  
PARTIES REGARD BOTH SYRIAN-ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN-  
ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT AS FIRST STEP AND INTEGRAL  
PART OF ALL-ENCOMPASSING ME SETTLEMENT, AND CONSISTENT  
WITH CURRENT SOVIET LINE CALL FOR RENEWAL OF WORK OF  
MEPC AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ME PEACE ON BASIS OF UNSC RESOLUTIONS.

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